

From the Pastor.....

A few weeks ago we began a new series entitled, "Why Church." It is a fascinating look at why church and the way we should do church. Let me just say that sometimes our way of doing church is not necessarily the way God wants us to do it and it may not be the church that Jesus died for. How do I know this? Well, when Jesus looked into the eyes of Simon Peter in Matthew 16:18 and said, *"And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this Rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."* It seems to me that when Jesus says He is going to build something, like the church, it will take on certain characteristics.

For one thing, Jesus wants to build a church that is focused on *"fishing for men..."* (and women) which is also what He called Peter and Andrew to do as they followed Him! And so God is calling us to be a church of influence. To influence people toward a relationship with Christ. To **reach** the **unreached** - to **church** the **unchurched**, in other words TO FISH!

When these traits are integrated into our church then we become servants who are not merely looking for happiness and blessings we can attain but are also focused on others and the happiness and blessings they can attain by having a relationship with Jesus Christ.

And so God wants us to become the church that plans ministries and programs around not only those who

are here now - but also around those who are not here yet! For people who have not shown up yet. Sounds like a good plan to me!

SUMMER AT BGBC

By the time you get this newsletter it will not be officially summer until June 21st, but it will already feel like summer in a variety of ways. For us at BGBC many ministries during the week will continue as usual. Sundays remain largely unchanged. Our students will still meet on Wednesdays. KidzNite is planned for a couple of times, and so on. But you can also expect some special events and programs, such as:

- Student Ministry Lock-in, June 1-2
- VBS on June 4-8, 5:30-8:30pm
- Parent/Child dedication on Sunday, June 17 (Father's Day)
- Camps for our Students and Children on July 16-20.
- Russia Mission Trip, July 27-August 7th.
- Church picnic on Sunday, August 19th.

AND THAT'S NOT ALL...

There are always some "summer surprises." Some things are already "percolating" so stay tuned!

Growing and Learning in Grace

by Paige Carter

VBS is right around the corner. This year our theme is Game On! Gearing Up for Life's Big Game. Each day the children will learn a concept about Jesus and how He wants us to join His team! Please be in prayer for each child each day of VBS.

Monday: Jesus Cares about Me. The Lost Sheep, Luke 15:1-7

Tuesday: Jesus Gives Me Hope. The Resurrection of Lazarus, John 11:1-44

Wednesday: Jesus Helps Me Believe. Thomas Believed, John 20:19-31

Thursday: Jesus Loves Me. John Wrote about Jesus, John 13:1-35, 19:25-27, 20:1-10, 21:1-14

Friday: Jesus Gives Me Joy. Paul and Silas in Prison, Acts 16:23-24

Centrikid Camp is July 16-20. 34 of us will depart from BGBC for camp. This is our largest group ever. Please pray for each child, chaperone and staffer. This is a special time for everyone. A whole week to focus on Jesus is an incredible experience. Please pray that we will make the most of it and turn our attention toward Jesus and how to grow in him!

VBS June 4-8

Centrikid July 16-20



Jack Fisher	1
Jeanne Jordan	1
Margaret Mills	2
Jean Davis	5
Frank Johnson	5
Courtney Taylor	7
Ella Divelbliss	11
Sandy Taylor	11
Ethan Bissoon	12
Billy Brillhart	12
George Fisher III	14
Bettie French	14
Robyn Fisher	15
Barbara Lanford	19
Ronnie Jordan	19
Dirk Farmer	20
Shawn Divelbliss	21
Alice Farmer	21
Kara Gromovsky	21
Logan Berry	22
Bill	
Hollandsworth	23
Susan Sili	23
Avery Delisi	24
Neal Tidman	25
Wayne Campbell	27
Allegra Beverage	29



Deacon of the Week:

June 3	Brad Thomas
June 10	Danielle Cushing
June 17	Ed Britt
June 24	Carolyn Lane

Deacons' Meeting Devotions- Brad Thomas

Building Security: – Deacon of the week

Counters— Hardy Dunnington & Sandy Taylor

Flowers:

June 3	Betty Cooper
June 10	Karen & Richard Covington
June 17	Sandra Stevens
June 24	Priscilla Shuler

Coffee & Snack Schedule:

June 3	Carolyn Lane
June 10	Cathy Gray
June 17	Ella Divelbliss
June 24	Neal and Sallie Tidman

Nursery Workers: *

3rd - Brooke Satterwhite - **Cathy Gray** – Chandler Gustard
 10th – Stephanie Sadler – **Karen Covington** – Gabby Dixon
 17th – Sallie Tidman - **Sabrina Farris** – Kailey Gray
 24th – Tracey Mallory - **Kristen Bissoon** – Emily Brillhart

* Both individuals are responsible for the 8:45 service; the individual in red is also responsible for the 11:00 service.